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Freemasons. Masonry. The Masons. We go by a lot of names, and people have been wondering about our organization for centuries. On October 15, Masons will welcome community members into their buildings to help them learn about who we are and what we do, and maybe even bust a myth or two. So we ask our non-Masonic visitors the question:

What Would YOU Like to Know...About the MASONS???

by Carl G. Ek

"The Masons? I hear they're a cult!"

There are many definitions of 'cult,' and Masons fit none of them. A cult is "a group of people who share religious or spiritual beliefs (with) extreme ... admiration for a person (or) philosophy of life."

Often cults revolve around a single leader who is thought to have "control over supernatural powers."

Masons do share a belief in a Supreme Being, often referred to as the Grand Architect of the Universe. Beyond that, Masons' religious beliefs and opinions are their own. Brothers are encouraged to practice their own faith, but Masonry forbids the discussion of religion in lodge meetings as the topic tends to divide men, rather than bring them together.

As for revolving around a single leader, nothing could be further from the truth. Local Masonic lodges elect their officers annually. In the United States, 51 autonomous Grand Lodges (every state plus the District of Columbia) elect a Grand Master annually or biennially. (Neighbor Massachusetts is the only Grand Lodge with a three-year term for Grand Masters.) These leaders advance by merit, rather than as a result of any supernatural powers.

In the United States, there is no overarching 'National Grand Master' who has power over all of the state Grand Lodges. Worldwide, there is no 'Grand Master of the World' who has any power over any Grand Lodge except, perhaps, within his own country.

So is Masonry a cult? No.

"Okay – but the Masons *are* a secret society!"

Sorry, but that doesn't fit, either. Many Masonic lodges have large buildings that are

prominently identified and have been a part of the local community for centuries.

Masons are opening their buildings for all to visit on October 15, and in many communities, the Masonic hall is used by other organizations for dinners, dances, and other activities.

Connecticut Freemasons is distributed to 15,000 readers monthly – and that doesn't include the publications of the affiliated Masonic bodies of the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and other groups. Local lodges also put out publications, principally for their members, but certainly not 'secret' from anyone who wants to read it. Many Masons proudly wear rings, pins, hats, or shirts that identify them as such, or adorn their cars with symbols announcing their membership in one or more Masonic bodies.

Do Masons have secrets? Yes, as do all organizations – the Elks, Moose, Knights of Columbus, Rotary, Kiwanis Club, the Honeymooners' Raccoon Club, college fraternities, and other voluntary membership groups. Masons' 'secrets' revolve around how a man learns the teachings of the organization, a private series of ritualistic ceremonies that use allegory and symbolism to impart life lessons. And yes, we do have a secret handshake – important in a time when people could not read and needed a way to positively identify an unknown person as a member of the organization.

By the way, do you have secrets? Most people don't go out to the porch to announce their bank balances, a recent traffic ticket, or a child's poor report card. As people keep things private, so the Masons maintain some privacy.



"But they do run the country – don't they?"

That's always been news to the Masons. It is true that many Masons were prominent in the effort to declare our independence from England. Fourteen signers of the Declaration of Independence are proven Masons – Hancock and Franklin among them – and Washington and many of his generals were all Masons as he felt he could trust his brothers in those dangerous times. (That trust was shattered by Mason and traitor Benedict Arnold, proving that not all Masons are worthy.)

Also, fourteen of the forty-four men who have been presidents of this nation have been Master Masons. They have included some of the most respected leaders – Washington, both Roosevelts, Truman – as well as others less esteemed – such as Polk, Buchanan, and Andrew Johnson.

But run the country? That's way above any group's capability.

"What about the treasure?"

Great movie, but – as far as we know now – not based in fact. Some Masonic groups have priceless relics from the past; a lodge in Massachusetts was cleaning the attic earlier this year and came upon a small box containing the lodge's original silver officer's jewels. They were made and donated to the lodge by the Grand Master who presented their charter, Bro. Paul Revere!

Some lodges have (or had) excellent portfolios, usually as a result of bequests from members

and prudent investment. Some lodges have benefited from their real estate holdings – the Grand Lodge of New York owns a small skyscraper on West 23rd Street in New York.

Most local lodges have no idea of what, if any, financial value is in the relics, artwork, old jewels, and other items they own, but to them, these items are part of their history and not for sale. To most Masons, the fraternity's greatest 'treasure' is the friendship and brotherhood that develop among members over the lifetime of their membership.

"Still, the Masons only help their own, right?"

Wrong! Masons and Masonic organizations are notoriously poor about record-keeping of this kind, but it has been calculated that Masonry in all of its manifestations donates \$2.5 million to charitable causes – *every day!*

Connecticut's Masonic are one of the state's largest providers of healthcare statewide, and its services are open to all. Locally, many lodges and affiliated groups give scholarships to graduating high school seniors and others for continuing education; Masonic groups take part in food drives, community-improvement projects, clothing drives – in short, all of the events that make a community a home for all.

"Looks like I have a lot to learn about the Masons..."

Come on in – that's why we're here!

Grand Master's Message

Background of Our Landmarks

This past weekend I was pleased to attend a meeting of the Connecticut York Rite College in Meriden. There were colleges there from the New England states. The Governor General of York Rite Colleges in North America, Brother Joe Manning, MW Past Grand Master of Oklahoma, was able to attend. During the ritual of the degree on candidates from Connecticut and other New England states, the statements in the prologue of the degree once again impressed me.

We all know that the historical origins of Freemasonry are the subject of much discussion. Many brothers state that the Grand Lodge of England began in 1717 without really knowing of the origins of the craft. Other brothers, if really questioned, may admit that they have not given much thought to the legitimacy of the statements. We should be aware of our origins. There is historical evidence that Masonry evolved from the guilds of operative masons, but all Masons should know just how and when this happened.

The oldest existing document that is clearly Masonic is the *Regius Manuscript*, dating from 1390 A.D. In it we read that the Saxon monarch, Athelstan, convened a general assembly of the craft in the city of York, Britain, in the year 926 A.D. At this time fifteen articles and fifteen points were established for the government of the fraternity, and Athelstan's son, Prince Edwin, was appointed as head of the order. Of greatest importance was the fact that King Athelstan granted his charter to the craft, thereby establishing it as a legal entity for the first time in history.

As royal charter outranked all others, when the first permanent lodge was set up, there was no need to petition for a new charter but just refer to the royal charter. The reference to that charter began by stating that the art of Freemasonry was very ancient as well as honorable and continued to be true to its royal charter and ended by giving the rules and regulations under which lodge members were governed. This reference, or claim, was reproduced many times and came to be called "The Old Charges."

The significance of the royal charter for Masonry is as important as the actions leading to the four London lodges meeting to form the premier Grand Lodge of Freemasonry on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1717.

Long before King Athelstan, history informs us that the Roman Empire was involved in much of what we know as Western Europe today. The Romans brought much to the land now known as England. Many of these things, such as roads and bridges, were necessary for the movement of the Roman Legions but others, such as forts, agriculture, towns, and the rule of law, were necessary for the organized growth of culture and daily living.

The decline of the Roman Empire has many complex and confusing reasons. It is generally accepted that corruption of the central government in Rome was a principle cause. The decline of

the Empire resulted in an absence of a government and rule of law in ancient Britain and the onset of the "Dark Ages."

The vacuum of the absence of law determined that the many different sects, clans, and peoples had to organize themselves for the protection of their way of life.

This involved a process similar to that experienced in the colonization of America. Essentially, life throughout Britain began again in the "Dark" or "Middle" Ages. That growth resulted in development of another rule of law, a government, agriculture, and all the associated skills and crafts needed to grow a civilization.

The masons were instrumental in that growth, and in the ninth and tenth centuries were building impressive edifices all over the land. King Athelstan is credited with being a liberal thinker and did much to encourage learning. He also caused to be built, throughout his kingdom, many churches, abbeys and castles. This resulted in a continuing association of the "Craft of Builders" and the king, which developed into a mutual admiration and respect.

Apparently, at some point during the time of Athelstan's reign, the craft was in a state of relative disorder, perhaps because of its growing size and diverse skills. King Athelstan determined that there was a need for a set of rules and principles whereby the craft might regulate and govern its affairs. For this purpose he called a general assembly at York in 926 A.D. at which he and several nobles of the realm, met with the craftsmen and decided upon fifteen articles and fifteen points relating to their proper conduct.

He also appointed his son, Prince Edwin, to rule over the order and, at Edwin's urging, granted to the craft a charter. Thus the year 926 A.D. marked the true beginning of the craft as a legal entity.

The important point is that the fraternity grew in a period of relative lawlessness and became an organization when members of the craft, with others, decided upon a series of articles and rules for the proper regulation and conduct of the craft. These articles have been passed down through the ages, have weathered the test of time, and still allow groups of Masons to govern themselves in a forthright and respectable manner.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James T. McWain".

James T. McWain
Grand Master

RW Doug Gray Receives Pierpont Edwards Medal

RW Douglas Allen Gray first saw light on August 31, 1942, the only son of Elma Johnson and Roland Allen Gray. Brought up in his native Hamden, he and is a proud alumnus of Hamden High School's Class of 1960.

After high school, Doug enlisted in the US Naval Reserve, and was activated to the regular Navy during the Berlin Crisis in 1961. He re-enlisted in 1962, and attended the Naval Photography School in Pensacola, Florida, where he excelled. His expertise landed him at the Washington, D.C. technical support center, where he was in charge of the color film print and processing division.

After leaving the Navy, Doug utilized his photographic talents for the Perkins-Elmer Company. He later assisted in the research and development of the photographic systems for NASA's Skylab project.

In 1969, Doug founded PhotoArt, an advertising, photography, and graphic arts firm, in New Milford. He later began a small home construction business, South Central Builders.

Doug found a niche in retailing sales and management, from Barker's to Staples. He provided his own outlet in the computer industry by setting up Lightspeed Technologies, at home. Doug wound up his career with the Pokras Firm drawing architectural blue prints. Retirement gave Doug more time for his two great loves, — his family and Freemasonry.

In 1974, Doug met Marie Fiorini Gilbert. The two were married in September, 1977. Doug and Marie made their nest not far from where Doug grew up in Hamden. They have two children, a son Bobby, and a daughter Cheryl, who have provided Doug and Marie with six grandchildren.

Doug is a long-time member Bethesda Lutheran Church in New Haven, where he has been an active member of the church council for many years, and currently serves as chairman of the facilities committee.

Doug was prepped for his greatest avocation by a very distinguished Masonic family. Grandpa Frennie M. Gray was raised in Beacon Lodge No. 283, Beacon, New York. Frennie had six sons, and all but one joined the craft. The family settled in West Haven.

Doug joined New Haven Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1956. He was active until he entered the Navy. Upon his return, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1967. Doug's father, Brother Roland A. Gray, had just started through Trumbull's chairs when the Supreme Grand Master summoned him on December 6,

1966. Doug was the natural choice to succeed him, but he continued only a short time before other obligations found him in New Milford. He quickly affiliated with St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, New Milford, serving as Worshipful Master in 1973.

Doug's term at St. Peter's bore fruit with a resurgence of applicants and family programs on off-nights. Doug also served on the advisory council of Laurel Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Returned to the New Haven area and Trumbull Lodge in 1977, he eventually found himself as the fourth Gray in the East, serving as Master in 1992.

No sooner had Doug stepped out of Trumbull Lodge's Oriental Chair than he was sitting in another. Doug brought a renaissance to the Masonic Lodge of Research in his 1993 term, and later, served as secretary for MLR.

Doug served the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education for 17 years (1993-2009). In 1993, Doug became the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near Connecticut and represented their Grand Master at 50-year presentations to the cornhuskers residing in Connecticut.

Doug is also affiliated with Meridian Lodge No. 77, Meriden, and Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden. Doug affiliated with Hiram Lodge No. 1, and was elected secretary in 1997, succeeding the venerable RW George Raymond Smith. Doug has commanded that station ever since. In 1999, Doug was the recipient of Old Hiram's "RW George S. Mayhew Award." Doug was a co-founder of the 285 Club, a multi-member body consisting of the groups who meet in the New Haven Masonic Temple. He later served on the New Haven Masonic Temple Association, and is a past president of the Fourth District Blue Lodge Council.

Doug served as Right Worshipful District Deputy of District 4-C in 2000-1. He was appointed to the Masonic Charity Foundation Development Committee, and served as chairman in 2002.

Doug's search for further light seems perpetual. He is a Past High Priest, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, and Past Eminent Commander. He has served the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Most Puissant Grand Council of Connecticut as secretary, and upon his retirement was unanimously elected Grand Secretary Emeritus of each of those



Past Grand Master Charles A. Buck Jr. reads the citation for RW Douglas A. Gray's Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

bodies. His awards and recognitions include the Ephraim Kirby Medal, the Distinguished Service Award, and the Order of the Purple Cross. Doug was inducted into the York Rite Sovereign College No. 17 in 1995, and has been that body's secretary since 1996.

Doug is a member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of New Haven and Lafayette Consistory. He served as Sovereign Prince of Elm City Council Princes of Jerusalem in 2000.

Among Doug's other affiliations are Hejaz Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.; Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons; Masonic Veterans' Association, and many other bodies.

Doug was surprised to be his own guest of honor at Hiram Lodge's Awards Night, when Past Grand Master Charles A. Buck Jr. bestowed the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service.

When asked his thoughts, he replied, "I've been doing this for 44 years. I've been lucky enough to have received a lot of other honors, but this is the greatest. I never expected to be so rewarded for doing something I love so much."

The Level and the Square

Masonry is often said to be a "system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." What exactly does this mean? The system of morality taught in Freemasonry is taken from that Great Light in Freemasonry, the Holy Bible. The various symbols, the plumb, the square, and the level, are used to reinforce these basic lessons of morality. The level teaches us that regardless of our station in life, we meet together as equals and brothers. The square teaches that as Masons, we are to carry the teachings of the lodge with us into the world. The allegory is the story of a poor but noble man, an operative mason, who because of his knowledge, skill, and fidelity to duty became the companion of kings.

These lessons and symbols are beautifully illustrated in one of the most beloved poems in Freemasonry entitled, "The Level and the Square" written around 1845 by Dr. Rob Morris, late Poet Laureate of Masonry.

*We meet upon the level, and we part upon the square,
Come, let us contemplate them; they are worthy of a thought,
With What words of precious meaning those words Masonic are!
The highest and the lowest and the rarest they are fraught.*

*We meet upon the Level, though from every station come
The King from out his palace and the poor man from his home;
For the one must leave his diadem without the Mason's door,
And the other finds his true respect upon the checkered floor.*

*We part upon the square for the world must have its due;
We mingle with the multitude, a cold, unfriendly, crew;
But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
As we long, upon the level, to renew that happy scene.*

The moral lessons of our craft are those taught in all the great religions of the world. Be kind, be just, do not return evil for evil, seek peace and pursue it, and to let your conduct both in the lodge and in the world be such that you may "live respected and die regretted."

It is exemplified in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

But the lessons of Freemasonry also express our belief in the immortality of the soul. They give us the biblical assurance of that better part of man which survives the grave and which can never die.

*There's a World where all are equal,—we are
hurrying towards it fast,
We shall meet upon the level there when the gates of death are past;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer by His own unerring Square.
We shall meet upon the level there, but never thence depart;
There's a Mansion, 'tis all ready for each zealous, faithful heart;
There's a Mansion, and a welcome, and a multitude is there,
Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.*

Our hope and our belief as Freemasons rest upon the promise of God as written in the books of the prophets Isaiah, Nehemiah, Habakkuk, and others that we are traveling "... on the level of time towards that undiscovered country."

*Let us meet upon the level, then, while laboring patient here,
Let us meet and let us labor, tho' the labor seem severe;
Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square.
Hands round, ye faithful Ghiblinites, the bright, fraternal chain;
We part upon the square below, to meet in Heaven again!
O what words of precious meaning those words Masonic are,
WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL, AND WE PART UPON THE SQUARE.*

So mote it be! God Bless!



After his visit, what will Tim decide?

by Roger R. Cole

Stuck in traffic after work, Tim half-listened to the radio while ticking off what needed to be done at home. Hang the new painting; watch Timmy play third base; go with Sarah to the church Youth Planning meeting; and finally have some quiet time together with the love of his life, Marty. Life was rich and full, but still something was missing.

From the car radio Tim absently heard, "Freemasons throughout New England will hold Open House programs at their lodges October 15. You may have seen us wearing aprons at public events.

We are a worldwide group of good men who believe all men may unite as brothers for the improvement of all. If you are a good man, seek the fellowship of like-minded men, and believe it important to selflessly

serve mankind, you are invited to attend our Open House program."

Hmmm, thought Tim. The Masons, good men, believe all men may be brothers.... Fellowship?... Open House October 15?... Sounds like just the kind of men I'd like to spend some time with! I'll find where the nearest lodge is and see if the Masons are for me.

What will the Tim discover when he arrives at our Open House's October 15? The Committee on Masonic Education (CME) believes he will discover creative educational efforts designed to demonstrate the universal yet unique Masonic character of each lodge.

Programs will speak to how Masons, individually, act daily to live by fundamental Masonic truths. These include: practicing toleration, friendship, morality, self-

improvement, and patriotism.

Individual Masons might explain why they joined, how Masonry has enriched their life, and the joy they find in fellowship. There will be videos, scrapbooks, and other media showing lodge civic and social activities.

If a picture of Worshipful Brother George Washington is present, brothers will explain why our first American president was not only historically important, but Masonically, too. Visitors will discover why Masons continue to be inspired by Washington's commitment to duty, honor, integrity, justice, toleration and self-improvement.

What will Tim decide after visiting an Open House on October 15? The choice rests within him. Being a good man, all he must do is ask for a petition to begin the process.

The Masonicare EXPERIENCE

Inspiring stories from throughout the Masonicare continuum

At Masonicare Health Center, Love and Respect Are the First Orders of Business

by Adam Raider and Penny O'Neill

Alzheimer's is a form of dementia that is now the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. Cynthia Montano is pleased that her family placed a loved one suffering from this devastating degenerative disease in the hands of Masonicare.

Cynthia's late mother, Paula Montano, had Alzheimer's and was being cared for at home by her husband of 63 years, George, and a live-in aide. Eventually, it became apparent that Paula, who had been unable to communicate with family and caregivers for almost two years, would have to be moved from the couple's condominium in Hamden, to a nursing home environment. The whole idea of moving her out of her home and familiar surroundings was very difficult for the family to accept, but they knew she couldn't get all of the care she now needed if she remained at home.

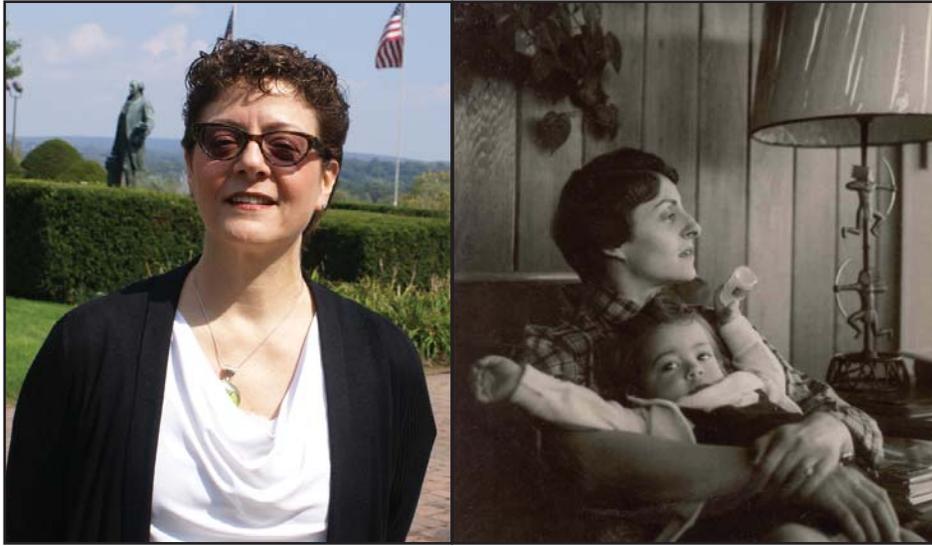
Paula was a resident of two local nursing facilities for a short time, but the family was not pleased with the quality of care she was receiving.

"It was not a good experience," Cynthia recalls. "I remember going to one place to visit my mother. After stopping at the front desk to find out where her room was located, I started down the hall and saw these two staff members talking. They were standing outside the door of a patient's room and talking about a situation that had just occurred inside. And I thought, 'Why would they be discussing this out loud, in the middle of the hallway?' I didn't like it, and I liked it even less when I realized they were talking about my mother."

Cynthia's father and brother resumed their search, in time agreeing that Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford would be the best choice for Paula. A glowing review from Cynthia's aunt, whose grandmother had lived at the facility after she was diagnosed with dementia, gave the family added confidence in their decision.

Cynthia noticed the "Masonicare difference" before her mother even moved in.

"Intuitively and instinctively, I already



Cynthia Montano today and with her mother, Paula, circa 1955.

knew Masonicare was the place for my mother," Cynthia explains, "but I wanted to visit anyway. Eve Sokol, the admissions coordinator at the Health Center who has since retired, met with myself and my husband and was very, very gracious. She was so patient with us and answered all of our questions – questions I'm sure my brother and father had already asked. Then she gave us a tour of the facility, and I was just so struck by how the first order of business on every floor is to love the patient. That's it. Love and respect the patient, and everything else follows. That's the foundation of human-to-human interaction. It made me think about that experience I'd had in the other facility. Those people didn't love or respect my mother, or the family."

Eve brought Cynthia and her husband up to the Health Center's Dementia Care Unit where Paula would be living and introduced them to all the staff.

"I remember that Eve brought us into a few rooms," Cynthia recalls, "and there were patients in them at the time. Even though they were not alert enough to respond, she always knocked on the door first and asked if it was alright for visitors to come in. And she'd say hello to the patients, again knowing there would be no response. It was so beautiful and so respectful. And I thought, 'Where else could I put my mother? Where else would I want to?'"

Paula moved to Masonicare Health Center on July 8, 2009. Cynthia's father, George, actually moved from his home to the Leslie G. Wright Residence on

the Masonicare campus so he could be near his wife and visit with her daily. This convenient arrangement was a great comfort both to him and the family.

By then, Paula was in the advanced stage of Alzheimer's and her condition deteriorated quickly. The quality of care remained consistent, however, and every effort was made to maintain her comfort. She eventually received hospice care at the Health Center before passing away in late August of that year.

Reflecting on those final days at her mother's bedside, Cynthia is grateful to the staff and volunteers of Masonicare not just for the compassion they showed Paula, but also for helping create an environment in which it was possible for mother and daughter to reconnect in a deeply personal and meaningful way.

"What my mother and I shared at Masonicare Health Center was about love," Cynthia states, "and that's everywhere there."

The experience has inspired Cynthia to start giving to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, Masonicare's philanthropic affiliate.

Says Cynthia, "I know my mother is still with me and wants me to support The Charity Foundation because of how well Masonicare took care of her. I'm not about to argue with her. I never could argue with her, anyway."

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Dorothy Ann Lipson, in her doctoral thesis and book *Freemasonry In Federalist Connecticut*, wrote that "Freemasons as moral educators found themselves in harmony with their time in Jacksonian America." She focused the chapter on *Masonry, Morality and Manners*. In churches, gentlemen's houses and in public meetings one was generally entertained and lectured to on morality.

Freemasonry rested on virtue and charity. Our fraternity enforced its own standards of virtue and sometime they varied among lodges. We have not compromised our morality standards even in today, and our obligations reflect some of those virtues. Lipson's book can be found in libraries, including the Grand Lodge library. It's worthwhile reading

for anyone interested in Masonic history in Connecticut.



Rev. John T. Pettee was a Massachusetts native and came to Connecticut to study at Wesleyan University, where he graduated in the class of 1843. He joined the New England Conference of Ministers and was ordained a deacon in 1846, and an elder in 1848. He soon withdrew from that body and formed an independent Methodist society in Dorchester, Massachusetts. When he came back to Connecticut, he settled in Meriden and reunited with the Methodist church.

He served as Judge of Probate in Meriden, member of the school visitors, superintendent of schools, and was interested in the sciences. He was vice president of the Meriden Scientific Association and was also an accomplished poet. Some of his poetry was part of the ritual ceremonies of St

Elmo's Commandery No. 8, and he wrote the centennial poem for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Masonically, he was a member of Center Lodge No. 97, Meriden, and the other York Rite bodies of Meriden. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows. It was said that his morality was never to be questioned and although for the last quarter of a century of his life he did not hold an active pastorate, he was invited as guest pastor at many churches in the state. He was an accomplished and gifted deliverer of sermons.



It was an unhappy Christmas in Roxbury in 1784, when the leader of the Green Mountain Boys had come back to the town of his birth, to die. He had spent years fighting for independence of New Connecticut, which would eventually become Vermont. He had suffered wounds in the Revolution, and the angel of death took him at the age of 40. He had come from being a hero, full of energy, to a destitute man dependent on friends. At his burial the sermon text preached

was "How the mighty have fallen."

Roxbury was part of Woodbury when Seth Warner was born in 1743 and his family moved to Vermont while he was a young man. The Green Mountain Boys chased off surveyors from New York who wanted to claim part of southern Vermont. He had a price on his head offered by the sheriff of Albany county and was declared an outlaw by the provincial assembly of New York. He evaded capture by the posse from New York, but continued to visit Albany and friends.

He was made a Mason in Union Lodge in 1772, while a namesake cousin was made a Mason in St. Johns in Fairfield. When Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold got into a squabble about events at Fort Ticonderoga, Seth Warner captured Crown Point. Warner took part in the invasion of Canada in 1775 and by 1778 was a Brigadier General in Vermont, but his health started to decline. He is a hero not often mentioned in history books, but remembered in the hearts and minds of Masonic historians.



During the summer, Debbi LaPlace and I went through a couple of boxes of material from Jim Case, our venerable Past Grand Historian. Some "good stuff" was found and I am slowly reviewing the contents of the box. After our afternoon of sorting, purging and reviewing I returned home.

The next day, I got a call from Jim's granddaughter in Minnesota. She informed me that she had pulled a couple of boxes of Masonic material out of the old homestead, and wanted me to have it. We met a few weeks later when she was back in Connecticut.

The homestead, which belonged to her parents (Jim's daughter, Julie and husband Richard Anderson) until their passing earlier this year, and all contents were to be sold at auction. Since she was a historian, she culled family genealogy, which she kept, and other historical items for distribution. Again, I came home with another box of "stuff."

This fall and winter will be busy reviewing the contents of the box (no real gems , just some notes, biographies, and other information). It was unusual that I would receive both calls and both boxes within a few weeks of each other. Twenty four years have passed since Jim Case appeared at fraternal events, but I can still see and hear him giving his talks. His memory will continue on for as long as I live.



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Masonicare Home Health & Hospice Sponsoring Free Bereavement Support Group

Masonicare Home Health & Hospice is sponsoring a free, eight-session bereavement support group for the community to be held during October, November, and December.

Designed to help individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one, the support group will bring people together to share their experiences, offer support and encouragement to one another, and help each other adjust to a new world in the absence of loved ones. They will also

discuss ways to cope with the upcoming holiday season. Group facilitators are Laura Polito, Masonicare's hospice bereavement coordinator, and Ned Castner, retired pastor/hospice bereavement volunteer.

The bereavement support group, which is open to all, will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Masonicare at Ashlar Village, 74 Cheshire Road in Wallingford. The dates are: October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10 and 17; and

December 1. The group will meet in the private dining room in the Hartog Activities Center at Ashlar Village (Bridgehouse Lobby entrance).

Although there is no charge to participate in the group, pre-registration is requested by Monday, October 3. Attendance is recommended for all eight sessions, if possible. For additional information or to sign up to attend, please call Laura Polito at 203-679-5327.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate this brother who has achieved 75 years of Masonic membership.

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FROM THE DESK OF:

Bro. Stephen B. McPherson President & CEO of Masonicare



Masonicare's 2011 fiscal year ended September 30, and we'll have achieved our best financial performance in memory. This was no small feat, given our steadfast commitment to quality care. You might think that this puts us on track for a strong financial outlook for 2012, but given what's been going on in Washington and Hartford, there is no certainty of a "slam-dunk" next year. Here's why.

Medicare and Medicaid payments currently account for about 66% of Masonicare's operating revenue. On both the federal and state levels, reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid have been reduced to help balance their budgets. If you've visited our campuses, you know that rehabilitation therapy is an important part of our inpatient care to patients following surgery, hospitalization, debilitating illness or injury. A Medicare payment rule taking effect on October 1 reformulates rates for therapy services provided in nursing homes. The average effect of this change is an 11.1% cut. We calculate that its impact on our two nursing homes, Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford and Masonicare at Newtown, will total over \$1 million.

As if that's not enough bad news, the recent Budget Control Act holds the potential for more cutbacks for nursing homes. If the "Super Committee" created by the legislation does not reach agreement

on spending cuts by November 23, the legislation mandates automatic cuts; for Medicare payments, it would be 2%. The committee is also expected to consider changing Medicaid either through "block grants," a blended federal matching rate, or other mechanisms, all designed to reduce payments to providers.

These potential cuts, on top of those already enacted, would put the continued viability of many nursing homes, especially not-for-profit ones, in jeopardy. And let's put a human face on this: it would most certainly mean hardship for the frailest elders, the direct care workers and other professionals who care for them, and their families.

So, you might ask, what are we doing at Masonicare to position ourselves to be less vulnerable to these cuts? Plenty. We've become more productive and efficient in the way care is delivered, reducing overhead costs while improving the productivity of our caregivers. We've postponed capital improvement projects, such as the main kitchen at Masonicare Health Center, until future revenue streams become clear. We've grown our caseload in home care, and increased occupancy in our hospital units. We've developed new services, such as Masonicare at Home and, as you may have read in last month's issue of *Connecticut Freemasons*, recently closed on 40 acres of

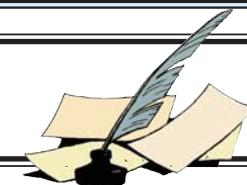
land in Mansfield to develop a senior retirement community there. These latter services are not dependent on a government pay source. Indeed, Masonicare is the envy of many providers who don't have the diversity of services that we do, thanks to our continuum.

We support those initiatives in health care reform designed to rein in health care costs by truly reforming the health care delivery system through better integration of services, improved transitioning among levels of care and prevention of hospitalizations and re-hospitalizations. These will generate savings to the health care system generally, as well as to Medicare and Medicaid. But, as Congress works on budget issues, we hope they will do everything possible to ensure that elders and their families who need high-quality nursing home care and at-home care continue to have access to it. Making across-the-board cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, cutting Medicaid to states, and enacting automatic spending cut mechanisms are not the way to do this.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Letter to the Editor...



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Dear Bro. Simon:

I have just received and read the above noted issue and enjoyed it, especially the article written by Deborah (Mrs?) LaPlace about Daniel Bissell. One correction however: the author states that Bro. Bissell's "Purple Heart" was presented to him "by Jonathan Trumbull, Washington's aide-de-camp and the only colonial governor to support the revolution."

The author is confusing or combining two different people. The Jonathan Trumbull who was colonial and then state Governor of Connecticut (and namesake of Trumbull Lodge No. 22 in New Haven) was the father of Jonathan Trumbull, Jr. who served as Washington's aide-de-camp (as did his other son, artist John Trumbull, earlier in the war). Governor Trumbull was approximately 70 years old at the

time of Bro. Bissell's act of heroism, far too old to serve as an aide-de-camp. Being born in 1740, Jonathan Trumbull Jr. was more able to serve effectively as aide-de-camp at the age of 42, when Bro. Bissell was recognized. Of note, Jonathan Trumbull, Jr. also served as Governor of Connecticut from 1797 until his death in 1809, so the opportunity to confuse these two men is understandable. Please do not misconstrue this email, as this minor mistake does not, in my opinion, detract from the excellent research presented by the author in this well written article. I am certain that anyone who took the effort to present such a piece would want to have the record straight.

Fraternally,
Chris Earle

Thank you. Yes, my wife is victim to my late and erroneous editing about Jonathan Trumbull, Jr.

Dr. Schwartz Prescribes an Annual Physical



Dr. Ronald Schwartz

Dr. Ronald Schwartz, medical director at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford and a physician with Masonicare Primary Care Physicians, is a dedicated and outstanding physician who has been serving Masonicare's residents and patients for more than 20 years. In a recent interview, Dr. Schwartz was asked to discuss the importance of having a yearly physical exam and what steps should be taken to properly prepare for it. He's offered some sound advice below that adults of all ages should heed.

Why should I have a yearly physical exam?

Some doctors and medical groups have said an annual physical exam is not always necessary for people who are generally healthy, but I believe that for the majority of adults, visiting their primary care physician each year for a complete physical is a good idea – and for several reasons. Catching potential health problems before they become serious is, of course, the most important one. It gives doctors a good opportunity to review a patient's medical status over the past year and tie all issues together to help diagnose any current issues. I've also found that people tend to worry less about their health when they're fully checked once a year. The peace of mind the annual physical can bring is important, and the special relationship many patients would like to have with their doctors can be enhanced by these annual visits.

What are the first steps I should take to prepare for my physical?

To get the most out of your exam, it's important that your physician have your complete medical history. If you've seen another doctor or specialist during the past year, for example, check to be sure a copy of any test results have been forwarded to your primary doctor.

Make a list of any medical complaints or questions you have and bring that with you. It's easy to give your doctor a quick rundown of how you're feeling, but then realize when the exam is over that you forgot something that might be important in spotting a potential problem. And if you're not sure what a symptom, pain or unusual mark on your body might mean, be sure to ask about it.

Several doctors treating a patient prescribe medications separately. The only way to be sure your doctor has a complete and accurate

list of all of your medications is to write them down, including the dose and strength of each, and bring the list with you. You should also list the over-the-counter medications you're taking every day, such as vitamins, calcium, or a low-dose aspirin, for example. Ask questions if you're not completely clear on how to take your medications or which medicines might not mix well with one another.

Many doctors want a detailed family medical history. Why is that important?

Since many medical conditions tend to run in families, a detailed family medical history is important, and it can help your doctor determine what tests you should have. And as a physician, I know that reviewing a patient's family medical history increases my chances of finding a potential problem early – sometimes before symptoms even begin.

For those who might be making that initial appointment with a primary care physician for a physical, you'll be asked to complete a detailed form that requests information about your parents' and siblings' current health status and past medical history. It might be done in the office, or it may be mailed to your home for completion prior to the appointment. Be sure to provide your doctor with as much information about your family's health history as possible, as it will become an important part of your permanent records.

For each subsequent physical, your doctor might ask if anything has changed in your family's medical history during the past year. If there have been changes, it's important that you mention them.

What does a thorough examination entail?

Checking your vital signs – blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and your temperature – is usually the first thing your doctor will do. A blood pressure less than 120 over 80 is considered normal, for example, but if yours is higher, your doctor might diagnose hypertension and discuss ways you can lower it to an acceptable range.

Your general appearance can give your physician a good idea of your current health status. Is your skin a healthy color? Do you stand and walk with ease? How is your memory and mental agility? She or he can determine a lot about you just by observing you during the initial conversation.

By listening to your heart with a

stethoscope, your doctor can detect a heart murmur, irregular heartbeat, or other signs of

heart disease, while crackles or wheezes in your lungs can be clues to the presence of bronchitis, pneumonia, or other lung diseases.

Your doctor should examine your head and neck thoroughly, including your ears, nose, eyes, lymph nodes, thyroid and carotid arteries. Tapping your abdomen can help detect the presence of abdominal fluid or tenderness, and listening to bowel sounds with a stethoscope can alert your doctor to any bowel irregularities. All patients 50 and over should have a rectal exam to check for rectal bleeding or other abnormalities.

A thorough exam will also include an assessment of muscle strength, balance and reflexes. Pulses in your arms and legs should be checked, and an examination of joints can help to detect abnormalities.

What type of lab tests will be done?

Blood for your lab tests, which can determine a great deal about your current health status, can be drawn in your doctor's office, or you might be sent to a lab. Standard tests will include a check of cholesterol levels, a blood count to rule out anemia or infection, a urinalysis, a fasting blood glucose test to rule out diabetes or pre-diabetes, and a test to determine liver and thyroid function.

Be sure to ask how you'll learn the results of these tests. Will the doctor's office automatically send the results to you or should you call the office? Be sure to request and keep copies of all lab work results, diagnostic studies, and any reports for your records. Keep them organized and in one place, which will make it easier to take charge of your own health.

Use the exam as a catalyst to make you think seriously about your health.

Having an annual physical exam and talking with your physician can prompt you to think more seriously about your health and how you can prevent or delay the onset of illness in the future. It will give you the opportunity to discuss a schedule of recommended preventive screenings.

See **Physical Exam** page 27...

Masonicare's Margaret Steeves Receives Saint Joseph College Award

Masonicare's president and CEO, Bro. Stephen B. McPherson, was pleased to announce recently that Margaret Steeves, Masonicare's vice president for marketing, has received a Distinguished Alumna Award from Saint Joseph College in West Hartford. Margaret, a member of the Class of '76, was presented with the award at a ceremony held Saturday, September 17, as part of the College's Reunion 2011.

According to a school spokesperson, Margaret received the award in recognition of the increasingly responsible positions she has held in the College's Alumnae/i Association over the years and for serving as an unofficial advisor to several recent presidents.

Most recently, she helped the college define a new marketing image for its admissions' material.

Margaret, who is responsible for Masonicare's marketing, public relations and communications, joined the organization in April 2003. Bro. McPherson said that during her tenure, she's played a major role in the successful promotion of the Masonicare continuum and the many outstanding programs and services it provides to thousands of residents and patients throughout Connecticut. "Several very successful marketing and PR initiatives have been undertaken under Margaret's leadership, including the development of Masonicare's Senior HelpLine and the creation

of several very well received TV and radio advertisements. Margaret's been an important member of our leadership team, and we're pleased that her commitment and dedication to her alma mater has been acknowledged by her peers."

Prior to joining Masonicare, Margaret was senior vice president of marketing services at Webster Bank, marketing director at InfiNet Payment Services, and a senior account executive at Mintz & Hoke Advertising. In 2006, Margaret was named one of the Twenty Noteworthy Women in Business by Business New Haven. She and her husband, Joseph Laffin, and their son, Chris, are residents of West Hartford.



Margaret Steeves

MW Gail L. Smith Remembered



The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut was most grateful to receive a generous contribution from PGM Gail N. Smith in memory of his father, PGM Gail L. Smith. With this gift, Gail Nelson funded a gift naming opportunity within the Outpatient Specialty Clinic at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford, where Gail Linnell had been a devoted volunteer for many years. Pictured here is the memorial plaque which is displayed in the reception area of the clinic. Gail Nelson feels that this gift naming was important for a variety of reasons. He says, "My gift to The Foundation was a way to honor Father; to support other residents and patients who need help; and to thank Masonicare for caring for so many members of my family who have now passed, including my parents and my wife Susan."

Sphinx Chanters Win Regional Championship

by Richard Arnold

For the second time in 14 years, the Chanters of Sphinx Shrine took first place in the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Chanters Association (MASCA) competition. Seven singers and director Carl Anderson accomplished this victory on September 9 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The group sang two songs in the competition. "Amazing Grace" is a compulsory presentation, and the additional choice was "Standing On The Corner." They brought home a brass plate to add to their permanent trophy in the Members Room at Sphinx Shrine.

In addition to their win, the Connecticut singers were able to join in with other Chanter groups for some impromptu singing, proving the adage "Isn't it great to be a Shriner? It's Feztastic!"

The Chanters are always looking to boost their ranks for local performances – speak with any of the singers or contact the Sphinx Shrine office to learn how to become a part of the fun!



The Sphinx Shrine Chanters who won the MASCA Competition in Virginia in September include, from left: Jack Pearson; Dick Arnold, Chanters president; Guy Whelchel; Bob Milne; Carl Anderson, director; Larry Bortner, MASCA president 2010-2011; Gerry Usher; and Bill Jeanfavre.



Connecticut Freemasons Have the Power to *DONATE LIFE*SM



The 'Grass Roots' Committee

by Richard F. Denno

What makes a committee a success? Is it sheer numbers? Does funding have anything to do with it? Perhaps it is the program or project itself?

A key component of successful committees is passion, followed closely by a 'common cause.' If everyone has the same goals, it is much easier to reach those goals.

Everyone on the Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness committee has a 'story to tell', regarding organ/tissue donation. Some stories have a happy outcome, while others a more unfortunate ending. Each member has a passionate reason for being on the committee. The makeup of the committee provides good insight into its success. Two members are kidney transplant recipients, while another is still on

renal dialysis. One of the kidney transplant recipients joined the committee while still on dialysis, and has since received a new kidney. Two members have had to endure the loss of their sons, who died before liver transplants which could have saved their lives, became available. Two have received heart transplants, while another wonders whether he will find a suitable heart before his defective one gives out.

It is people like this, with stories to tell and a common goal, that make this 'grass roots' effort the success it has become. They are getting the lifesaving message of organ/tissue donor awareness and most important, donor registration, out to as many people as possible,

Passionate people are not the type to tire of the cause. Instead of

waning after a few years of hard work, the Masonic Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Program has actually become more relevant and grown. Committee members realize what is at stake here – the saving of lives. Some of those saved lives could be their loved ones, neighbors or brother Masons.

A group of Freemasons saw a problem and took action, as opposed to having the state organization start the program. This is what makes this 'grass roots' effort stand out.

The Connecticut Freemasons Foundation has generously decided to support the program with funds for pamphlets and flags. As part of their commitment to contribute to endeavors which benefit mankind, the Foundation hopes the passion

of the committee will extend to Freemasons everywhere. Soon, Masonic lodges will be able to fly the Donate Life flag to show their support of the donor awareness program.

On October 15, Freemasons' lodges throughout the state will be opening their doors during the New England Open House Day. They are proudly displaying the Donate Life brochures and other handouts. They are demonstrating to their friends and neighbors that their lodge supports lifesaving initiatives to better their community.

Passion can be very contagious. Any lodge can become passionate about organ/tissue donor awareness and registration as the committee, and 'take ownership' of the program – saving lives in their community.

Masonicare at Newtown Sponsoring Fall Series "Professionals Helping Seniors"

A series of free educational workshops for the community highlighting a host of legal and other topics of importance to seniors, adult children, caregivers and family members, will be held at Masonicare at Newtown during October and November. The workshops will be held on Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions of the experts and enjoy a complimentary light dinner.

The Thursday workshop dates and topics to be discussed are as follows:

October 6 - Are you caring for a senior? The Aging Process and

things you need to know.

October 13 - Hospice and end-of-life issues. Make legal decisions before a crisis occurs.

October 20 - An overview of Medicare – Everything you need to know to make it "user friendly."

October 27 - Seniors and tax issues – Dispelling common myths

November 3 - Property and Casualty Insurance – Important things to know as you age

November 10 - Real Estate and Reverse Mortgages – Options, plusses and minuses

November 17 - Podiatry – "Learn everything you wanted to know about your feet – without

paying a co-pay!"

You can choose to attend any or all of the educational workshops that deal with topics of importance to you and your family. The workshops will be conducted by members of the Western Connecticut Seniors Alliance, a nationally recognized group of highly skilled and trustworthy professionals who specialize in providing expertise

to seniors and their families, such as accountants and tax planners, reverse mortgage specialists, financial planners, attorneys, insurance and real estate specialists and more.

There is no fee for the series, but seating is limited. If you would like to participate, please call the Masonicare HelpLine at 888-679-9997 by Monday, October 3, to reserve your space.

Divinity Student Seeks Winter-Worthy Car

Good deed opportunity: fraternally active New Haven-area divinity student seeks "miracle" manifested as a free or inexpensive reliable car for weekly winter trips to Hartford.

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Valley of New Haven, A.A.S.R. by Michael L. Castroll

Our Fall Reunion is well underway, but there is always room for more – especially a candidate!

Our old and new Fourth Degrees are in the books. The new one is called “Master Traveler,” while the old one is named “Secret Master.” The Seventh Degree carries the title “Provost and Judge” was also received.

Illustrious Martin Ede, MSA, 33°, continues the work of E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, when the Eighth Degree, called “Intendant of the Building,” is scheduled for Monday evening, October 3.

On Saturday, October 15, another Masonic Temple Open House will find us at 285

Whitney Avenue, to promote Freemasonry, and the Scottish Rite. (As this is the deadline for applications to this class the passer-by you serve coffee to on that day may just turn out to be a Sovereign Grand.) All of the bodies of Masonry will be represented. Invite your finest prospects for this open display of who we are and what we do!

Just two days later, on Monday evening, October 17, the Fall Class will become a part of the Grand Elect in the Fourteenth Degree culminating the class’s journey through the Lodge of Perfection.

The following Monday, October 24, Sovereign Prince Frank Heaven will preside over the Council of Princes of

Jerusalem. The well-received Fifteenth Degree will again be presented.

All of these degrees, you will notice, are numbered and titled. These titles bear significance towards the lessons they teach. It is good to come back often, as the degrees may be imprinted in the minds of those who witness them. You should also consider taking part in them to achieve their full effects.

All of our degrees follow a dinner, which always starts at 6:15 p.m. The work of the evening is called to order at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

We wrap up the month’s activities on Monday evening, October 31 with Oktoberfest and a stated meeting. Prospects for the Spring Reunion are appropriate guests, so check your lists, and make your calls.

In 1949, our Supreme

Council allowed for Councils of Deliberation to proclaim awards given by each valley by unanimous consent. The Connecticut Council of Deliberation took up that challenge with the creation of the Ill. Arthur M. Brown, 33° Meritorious Service Award, which has been given by each of our valleys continually since 1954.

At our recent annual meeting of our Connecticut Council of Deliberation, the Valley of Waterbury announced the creation of the Ill. Frederick H. Lorenson, 33°, Meritorious Service Award. Fred was a frequent visitor to the Valley of New Haven. Also, congratulations to Ill. David Sharkis, 33° on becoming our new Deputy, and a hearty welcome home after a job well done to Ill. Jim Spencer!

See you in the Valley...

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Mark your calendar

Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication

Saturday, October 22

8:30 Registration

Knapp Auditorium
of the Hartog Activities Center
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Please join us for the

Masonic Family Autumn Gathering

Sunday, November 13, 2011

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in the auditorium at

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Valley of Hartford, A.A.S.R. *From the desk of David R. Blythe, Sr., Valley Secretary*

As we head into the fall of 2011, another group of Master Masons have started their journey towards becoming Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, better known as 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Although the fall class has started this journey, it is not too late for a Master Mason in good standing to become a member of this class. Deadline for becoming a member of the 2011 Fall Class is October 13.

Please contact the Valley of Hartford office any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning between 9:00 a.m. and noon at 860-666-0712, or sect@snet.net.

Fall schedule information:

The Valley will hold "all you can eat" buffet dinners before the Thursday evening degrees. Dinners cost \$12.00 and servings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Sphinx Shrine. Advanced reservations are required. Walk-ins will be served, if food is available, for a cost of \$15.00. Come and break bread with our new candidates and your fellow Scottish Rite brethren.

The lone exception to our pre-degree dinner program is the 16°, scheduled for October 27. This year the 16° degree

will be presented in a banquet format. The evening's program and dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Sphinx Shrine. The cost is \$15.00 and advanced reservations are a requirement. Seating will be limited and on a first come first served basis. If we do not have a sellout, then walk-ins will be allowed at a cost of \$18.00.

Family Life Update:

Several family life programs are currently underway. On Saturday, October 1, we will attend the UConn/West Michigan football game.

Ill. Jeffery A. Flynn, 33°, our family life chairman, is planning a fall theatre trip to the Goodspeed Opera House, this time to see jazzy Hollywood musical "City of Angels." If you are interested in attending, please contact Bro. Flynn at jedge60@yahoo.com, or at 860-304-6348, for date, time, price and availability of tickets.

Basic Valley Reminder:

Dinner reservations for Thursday night pre-degree dinners must be postmarked by the Monday prior. Luncheon reservations, for Consistory Day must be postmarked by the Wednesday prior.

Information about Valley of Hartford events and activities, degree schedule, pre-degree dinners or Consistory Day lunch, or family life events can always be found in the quarterly issue our newsletter, *View of the Valley*. Those brothers who are on our Constant Contact® mailing list will also receive e-mail announcements. You can always find registration forms in the *View of the Valley*. Registration forms can always be obtained by

visiting our valley website: www.valleyofhartford.org. If you are unable to take advantage of any of these methods, you can always phone the office on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning, between 9:00 a.m. and noon, to find out what is currently happening in the valley or to check ticket availability for any upcoming events.

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Thursday, October 27
Portrayal of 160 in a Banquet Format • Dinner and Degree start at 7:00 p.m.
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If at you would like more information about becoming a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, or would like a copy of Scottish Rite Informational DVD Contact David Blythe Sr., 33°, Valley Secretary, at the Valley of Hartford Office 860-666-0712, or sect@snet.net or visit our Valley Website: www.valleyofhartford.org

How to use *Patch* to promote your lodge events

by The Committee on Community Action

What is *Patch*, you ask? *Patch* is an online local community message board, media center and calendar, supported by user input. More formally, according to their Q&A, *Patch* is "...a community-specific news and information platform dedicated to providing comprehensive and trusted local coverage for individual towns and communities."

To access *Patch*, visit www.patch.com and click on the state you live in.

To the right you will see a list of towns and cities that have *Patch* coverage. Click on the town or city that you live in, or on the

town or city that is closest to where you live.

You will be brought to that town's *Patch* page. The town's name will be at the top of your screen, followed by "*Patch*."

There are many places where you can contribute information about an event. For example, there is a section called "Events." Click on "Events" and you will be brought to a calendar showing upcoming local events. On this page, you can add an event to that calendar — look for the bar on the right that says "Add an Event" and click here.

You will be brought to a page that allows you to input your event information and add a photo. An editor at *Patch* will

review your submission as it is uploaded to the calendar to make sure the information is appropriate for publication.

You can also submit news items and press releases to your *Patch*. At the home page for the *Patch* you are visiting, near the bottom of the page you will find a section called "Contribute." At this section, you can send news tips to *Patch*, or announce something to everyone in the *Patch* town community, and there is another link to put an event on the calendar.

Further down on the home page, you will find a section called "Get in Touch." In this section, click on the link for "Contact Us" and you will be brought to

a page that has links for help on questions, information on advertising on the *Patch*, creating a directory listing for a business, jobs working for *Patch*, and a contact link for the person who will handle your press releases and other local news items —the local editor. Send your press releases, news items, and photographs to the Local Editor; this person will help publish them on the *Patch*.

Patch is a terrific resource for your local lodge events. Use *Patch* in conjunction with traditional media such as newspapers and radio, mailings, posters, and other grass-roots efforts to promote your event throughout the community.

Warren Lodge No. 51 Celebrates 200 Years



Worshipful Master Kutz welcomes the guests.



Grand Lodge officers arrive.



WM Kutz welcomes MW McWain.



GSW LaPlace presents the level.



GJW Maxwell presents the plumb.



Stewards Robinson and Cooney light the tapers.



A prayer of rededication and for the future of Warren Lodge.



Left: The Grand Master deposits corn, wine and oil.

Right: JW Mumford greets MW Mcwain.

Below left: Later at Fireman's hall, SW Keser presents a plaque to the Grand Master in gratitude for the ceremony.

Below right: The party continues into the night.

Photos by Anna Mumford.



GRAND MASTER'S APPEAL

Support the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation

We are all proud of the charitable work of the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, and the service that CTCHIP provides to Connecticut families. We hope you will consider making a gift to the Foundation today.

- 1) **The Grand Lodge Permanent Endowment Fund** provides funding for educational and charitable Masonic purposes.
- 2) **CTCHIP** is a comprehensive child identification program designed to give families a measure of protection against the ever increasing problem of missing children.

You may designate your donation to either the Permanent Endowment Fund or to CTCHIP.

Watch for your Grand Master's Appeal letter. It will also contain an important survey from the Strategic Planning Committee. We hope you will respond with a donation, and with your thoughts on the direction you wish the fraternity should pursue in the future.

Grand Master's Appeal
P.O. Box 69, Wallingford, CT 06492

Yes, Grand Master. I/we want to help ensure the growth of Freemasonry in Connecticut and continue the charitable and educational works of the Grand Lodge.

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DISTRICT No. 1

- (a) RW Lemuel G. Johnson, Jr., DD • WB Stephen W. Petri, AGM
(b) RW Maurice J. Heim, DD • WB Robert P. Curwen, Jr., AGM
(c) RW Daniel L. Longchamp, DD • WB Jean-Marie Leslie St. Victor, AGM

Union Lodge No. 5 Finds Creative Talents for Open House Video



Worshipful Master Jon Ringel takes his turn as a video star! Brother Michel Gomez mans the video camera as Brother Antonio Forte offers encouragement and assistance.

by Thomas A. Burke

At their Fellowship Night on Wednesday September 14, several brothers of Union Lodge No. 5, Stamford, got together to create videos to use for the upcoming October Open House program. Brother Michel Gomez manned the video camera while several brothers were filmed answering questions such as “Why did you join your lodge?”, “What do you like most about your lodge?”, and “How has Freemasonry changed you?” Brother Gomez will edit the videos and create a file that will run on the lodge’s big-screen television during the Open House on October 15. This will help visitors learn more about the brothers of Union Lodge.

“Our brothers are our greatest assets,” Worshipful Master Jon Ringel stated, “and they are the reason we are so involved, recognized, and respected in our community.” The brothers hope to expand the project in the future to highlight the unique and dynamic nature of their lodge. Participants ranged from younger brothers to Past Masters, and included a visiting brother from India who the brothers welcomed to their lodge during his brief stay in Stamford.

DISTRICT No. 2

- (a) RW John J. Hester, DD • WB Curtis K. Temple, AGM
(b) RW John V. Lutter, DD • WB Creighton M. English, AGM

Deserving Brothers Receive Awards at Hiram Lodge No. 18 in Sandy Hook

by Bill Hillman

The Hiram Lodge No. 18, Newtown, awards night on September 7 celebrated the contributions of many brothers. RW John Lutter, District Deputy 2B, and WB Creighton English, Associate Grand Marshall, presented Bro. Arthur M. Bomhard, Jr. with his 50 anniversary certificate. The awards night also let the lodge recognize brothers reaching incremental milestones from five years through fifty-five years of service.

A special award was given to RW Dick Hubert for his many years of service as treasurer, and Brother Anthony Raiani for his service and contributions to the lodge. WB Joseph Porco received the 2011 Gunnar Lindstrom Mason of the Year Award. This award was named by past recipients for a much beloved brother who passed to the Celestial Lodge four years ago at the age of 98.



Hiram Lodge Worshipful Master Bill Hillman presented a special award to long-time treasurer Dick Hubert at the lodge awards night.

DISTRICT No. 3

- (a) RW Shane Dufresne, DD • WB Martin J. Macary, AGM
(b) RW James D. Waite, Jr., DD • WB Charles V. de Dufour, AGM
(c) RW Andrew G. Weimann, DD • WB Jorge M. Fernandez-Baujin, AGM



Awards Night for Messner Family

by Al Rollinson

On April 12, a reception dinner was held at Shepherd Salem Lodge No. 78 before RW James Waite presented a 50 year award to Brother Robert Messner. Among the 20 guests was his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth, his son David, who is a Past Master of Shepherd Salem, and his two grandsons, Michael and William, both members of Shepherd Salem Lodge. Brother Michael Messner was also presented with the Excellence in Ritual Award. Bro. Robert shared stories of his past 50 years as a Mason with all who attended.

From left, Bro. Robert Messner, his son WB David Messner, and his two grandsons, Bro. Michael and Bro. William Messner, were proud to be present at the 50 year service award for Bro. Robert.

DISTRICT No. 4

- (a) RW Charles H. Tirrell, DD • WB Wayne G. Bailey, AGM
(b) RW Kenneth L. Greenhill, DD • WB David K. Eisenman, AGM
(c) RW Vernon A. Conklin, Sr., DD • WB Robert G. Guarnieri, AGM
(d) RW William S. Clark, DD • WB Gregory K. Whitehouse, AGM

Day Spring Lodge Assists on a House Made With Hands

by Steve Tenner

On Saturday September 17, members from Day Spring Lodge No. 30, Hamden, assisted Habitat For Humanity on two different house builds in New Haven. They arrived for work at 9:00 a.m., took a 30 minute lunch break at a local curbside vendor across from Yale New Haven Hospital, and finished up working around 4:00 p.m.

On the first build at 38 Vernon Street, the group learned how to lay tongue-and-groove flooring over the rafters on the entire first floor of the home. The process involved putting glue on the rafters and then nailing into place each section of flooring. A sledge hammer was needed to put each board into place, but they also used a square to ensure each board was properly laid into place. There were many tired arms by lunch time from swinging the sledge hammer and nailing the floor boards, but Bill Russo kept the songs and jokes coming steadily, making the morning fly by and the work very enjoyable and rewarding.

On the second build at 34 Vernon Street, the group aligned and set the rafters for the first floor of the home on the new foundation. Each rafter was a 22 foot 2 by 12, and each grew heavier and heavier as the day wore on. It was amazing to see the process of laying the first building materials onto a new foundation. By the end of the day the brothers looked back on a well spent day laying the ground work for two beautiful homes that will hold new families some time soon. No matter the work the brothers all commented they must volunteer for Habitat again very soon.



Taking a short break from a day of heavy labor at the Habitat for Humanity project, from left, Tony Delgrego, Bill Russo, Paul Mendillo, Chuck Warfield, WM Steven Tenner, and Scott Brand.

DISTRICT No. 4

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Ansantawae Lodge presents Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award to Bro. Rob Thomas

by Christopher Buck

On May 20, Ansantawae Lodge held their first annual Scout Night. Scoutmaster Mark Krom of Troop 1, Milford, spoke about why he continues to be involved with scouting after 30 years, and told the brethren about some projects that Troop 1 is involved in.

Worshipful Master Chris Buck called Senior Warden Rob Thomas to the East. Rob is an Eagle Scout and was instrumental in putting the evening together. In recognition of Rob's dedication to scouting and Masonry, WM Buck presented him with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, to the complete surprise of Bro. Rob.

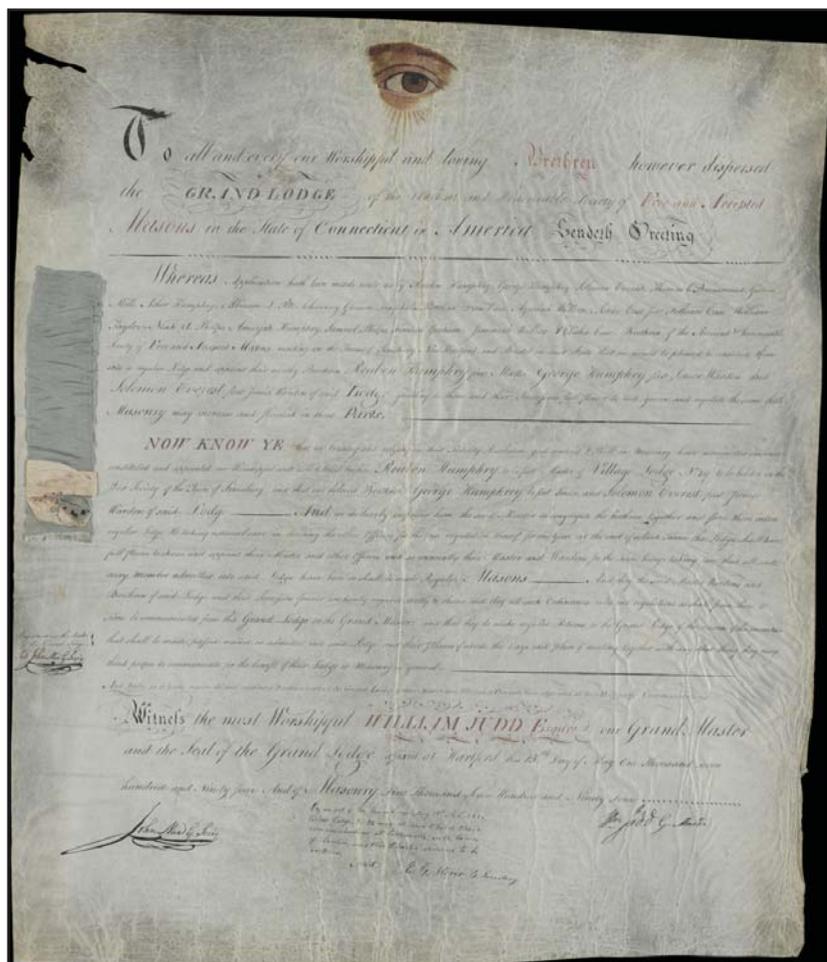
The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is an honor given to Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry while acting as role models to the young men in the Boy Scouts. It not only supports the Masonic relationship through the man who brought scouting to America, but proclaims the integrity of the Freemason who receives the award. It is administered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and is named in honor of Daniel Carter Beard, a Freemason and one of the first leaders of the Boy Scouts of America.



At the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award presentation, from left, Ansantawae Lodge Worshipful Master Chris Buck, WB Steve Elzholz, award recipient and Bro. Rob Thomas, Bro. Jonathan Glassman, RW Thomas Maxwell II, Grand Junior Warden.

DISTRICT No. 5

(a) RW Lawrence S. Elsner, DD • WB Francis G. Way, AGM
(b) RW Mark A. Parasiliti, DD • WB Dennis C. Zuffelato, AGM



Village Lodge Charter Copied and Displayed

by Ben Isaacson

On Saturday August 27, the brothers of Village Lodge No. 29, Collinsville, gathered to celebrate 50 years at their location in Canton, and 217 years of being a chartered lodge. On hand were Village Lodge member and State Representative Worshipful Brother Tim LeGeyt, who read a proclamation from Governor Malloy declaring August 27, 2011 "Village Lodge Day" in the state of Connecticut. The proclamation was accompanied by moving comments about the longevity and presence of

Village Lodge as an integral member of the town of Canton.

A program from the dedication in 1961 of the current home of Village Lodge was read by RW Harrison Redford.

Lastly a full size, high quality reproduction of the actual charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1794 was unveiled. It was read aloud to those assembled by RW Lawrence Elsner so the brothers could hear that the actual charter allows us to meet as a regularly constituted lodge.

The copy of the original charter for Village Lodge No. 29 is now properly displayed.

DISTRICT No. 5

(a) RW Lawrence S. Elsner, DD • WB Francis G. Way, AGM
(b) RW Mark A. Parasiliti, DD • WB Dennis C. Zuffelato, AGM

Lodges Share Their Needs



Brothers from Jephtha Lodge No. 11 and Valley Lodge No. 36, from left, Gregory Goode, Michael Bland, William Bohman, Robert Everest, William Harris, and Michael McKinney, at the transferring of lodge furniture.

by Robert Everest

When two police officers found they were also brothers of the fraternity, the three basic principles of Freemasonry were found: friendship, morality, and brotherly love. While attending a police training day in Meriden, WB Robert Everest, Valley Lodge No. 36, Simsbury, and Bro. Michael McKinney, Jephtha Lodge No. 11, New London, Prince Hall, realized their lodges could solve a need both shared.

Since the consolidation of St. Mark's Lodge No. 36, St. Mark's

Lodge No. 91, and Hiram Lodge No. 98, into Valley Lodge, a surplus of lodge furniture has been a storage concern and a disposal problem. Jephtha Lodge had need for those very items.

So on a rainy morning of August 6, brothers from both lodges met in Granby to relocate the lodge furniture to Jephtha Lodge and help them complete their lodge room.

The Valley Lodge brothers are looking forward to meeting with Jephtha Lodge and see the exemplary work they do.

Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140 Surfs and Turfs its Way to the Fall Season

by Marty Yanofsky

On Saturday, September 10, Sequin-Level Lodge No. 140, Newington, kicked off Fall 2011 with its annual family picnic. The weather was perfect with abundant sunshine, and a gentle breeze for one the best days of the year. And the picnic — this was not an ordinary picnic.

The annual event is put on by the lodge to thank the brothers for their hard labor throughout the year, and to thank their families for allowing them to do the work of the lodge.

The picnic, or some would say a feast, began with steamers and drawn butter, followed by shrimp cocktail and WB Jim Bailey's New England clam chowder.

During a break, live music was provided by *Jephtha & the Ephramites*, aka the *Blue Grass Mulchers*, a band composed of Brother Julian Shull of Friendship Lodge No. 33, Southington, on bass; Brother Rick Smith of Sequin-Level on drums; and Burlington residents Bill Clark and John Karl on guitars, mandolin, and fiddle. All four players also contributed vocals.

The feast resumed with corn on the cob, and then the main course — steak grilled to perfection, and, for those who preferred the fruits of the sea, steamed lobster prepared to satisfy any seafood lover. Hot dogs and hamburgers were also available for the children.

Of course what would any picnic be without soda, beer and dessert? All were in abundance to quench everyone's thirst. All of this was topped off with a birthday cake in honor of Worshipful Master Steve Gorman. The band filled the air with great music throughout the entire afternoon. If anyone left hungry, it would



Steak and lobster, family and brothers, music and sun, were the perfect ingredients for Sequin-Level Lodge's Family picnic on September 10.

have been his or her own fault.

Rick Smith, Sequin-Level's music officer, is interested in hearing from other Masonic musicians to form combos to perform at future lodge events, or for other Masonic bodies. All styles of music could be possible; rock, blue grass, Dixieland, or country. If interested contact Rick at 860-523-1850 or ctdrumshow@aol.com.

Moriah Lodge 1st Annual Golf Tournament

by Edward C. Page

After close to a year of planning, on Saturday June 25, the Freemasons of Brooklyn hosted their "1st Annual Moriah Lodge No. 15 Golf Tournament." Fifty-two golfers from across the state, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts teed off at 8:00 a.m. at the Brooklyn Country Club. Before the tee-off, Christina L. Page, wife of Moriah Lodge's Worshipful Master, welcomed everyone at the registration table.

During the registration she presented every golfer with a gift, donated from WB and organizer Edward C. Page, a specially designed umbrella. The design included the square and compasses with the wording "Moriah Lodge #15, Freemasons of Connecticut."

Owner and golf professional Dale Ezyk explained the rules. WB Edward welcomed everyone and encouraged all to have fun. The ceremonial first tee shot went to Past Grand Master Charles A. Buck Jr., who kicked everything off by driving the ball straight down the first fairway. Over the



Past Grand Master Charlie Buck, left, and Worshipful Master Ed Page present a check to Lauren Rossi of Children First, Brooklyn.

next five hours golfers enjoyed a rain-free day of friendship, camaraderie, and friendly competition.

After a beautiful morning of golf, everybody retired to the Country View Restaurant, alongside the well manicured Brooklyn Country Club, for a prime rib dinner. An additional half dozen non-golfers joined the golfers for dinner. When dinner was concluding WM Edward, with

the help of Past Grand Master Buck, presented a check for \$1099.00 to Lauren Rossi, for the beneficiary of the tournament, Children First, Brooklyn, a non-profit organization specializes in assisting children of the community from birth to around the age of nine with educational needs.

The unusual amount was not rounded to \$1100.00 intentionally. WB Edward explained, "The number '99' included in this donation is significant in that several years ago Robert E. Beane, whose favorite number was 99, was tragically killed in a construction accident in Boston, Massachusetts.

"Bobby, although he was not a Mason, was like a brother to me and I wanted to recognize him, and for him to be remembered," said Worshipful Master Page. In Bobby's home town of Baldwinville Massachusetts, there is a scholarship set up in his name and connected to "Children First, Brooklyn." Their efforts to advance education, and Masonry's dedication to education seemed appropriate.

The donation also

accompanied 25 free passes for children to the "Cole Brothers: Circus of the Stars" in Willimantic. The tournament hopes for other peripheral community benefits. Perhaps winners will venture into establishments and let them know to help support community organizations like ours, the Freemasons. Area businesses were solicited by a Masonic representative, and made aware of the goals of the Masonic fraternity. Another benefit was to bring neighbors together to spread the bonds of Freemasonry and to let non-Masons see the good works of Masonry.

After the donations, several awards were presented. Taking first place were WB Greg Martell, Bob Bosse, Ron Ouellette, and Jay Young. Other awards were "Longest Drive" - Bro. Scott Cooley, and "Closest to the Pin" - Brother Brian Chipman. Brother Scott Cooley was also awarded two rounds of golf, compliments of Moriah Lodge for achieving a "Hole-in-one."

Bro. Mark Sciola received two rounds of golf compliments of Moriah Lodge, for his contributions in assisting the tournament with last minute emergency details. Also recognized was Bro. Bob Sweet, Grand Master of Ceremonies - East Bay District of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, for his support.

After the awards and presentation, a raffle was conducted. With over 25 prizes available, totaling close to an estimated \$1000.00, Lady Christina assisted in the drawing. WB Edward thanked everyone who attended and assisted to make the event a success. Past Grand Master Charles A. Buck Jr. then offered his closing remarks and a final prayer.

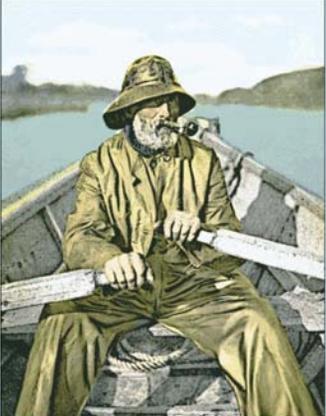
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Guided Wine Tasting Benefits Connecticut DeMolay Foundation



by Carl G. Ek

The Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, Inc. has as a goal the creation of a \$1 million endowment fund that will assist the young men of DeMolay in perpetuity. The Masonic family has generously pledged and contributed to this effort, both organizationally and individually. The Foundation also works to raise funds in a number of ways.

One of the most enjoyable efforts happened in mid-April, when nearly 50 officers, directors, and friends of Connecticut DeMolay gathered at the Quinnipiack Club in downtown New Haven for a guided educational wine tasting. The Quinnipiack Club is a private membership organization dating to 1871, and it offers non-profits such as the 501(c)3 DeMolay Foundation their food and facilities at no charge as a way to assist the community. Thus, all proceeds from the \$100 per plate dinner went directly to the Foundation's coffers.

Q Club secretary H. Richter Elser led diners through a tasty 4-course gourmet meal. Rick offered samples of two different wines with each course, with attendees choosing one to enjoy with the course. Lively discussion ensued about pairing various styles of wine with different foods, and the Q Club's chef outdid himself in the preparation of the main course, a top sirloin of beef, *au jus*, accompanied by creamed spinach and pallison potato. This followed courses that included scallops, poached asparagus, prosciutto, and a Balsamic onion sorbet.

Connecticut DeMolay Foundation president Christopher J. Earle, who arranged the dinner with Mr. Elser, thanked the Q Club for their generosity and the attendees for their support of Connecticut DeMolay. His remarks were echoed by Executive Officer Harry E. Needham, III, who was also present to enjoy a unique opportunity to dine in the highest style and assist in a good cause.

Quinnipiack Club secretary H. Richter Elser, standing, discusses the secrets of pairing wines with various foods at the April Connecticut DeMolay Foundation, Inc. guided educational wine tasting. The Quinnipiack Club donated the food, wine, and staff for the occasion, allowing the Foundation to fully benefit from the \$100 per plate event. Support of events like this helps defray costs of the DeMolay Conclave.

New 33rd Degree Masons



Illustrious Brothers, Jeffery A. Flynn, Kenneth A. Barrett and James Vander Eyk were coroneted 33° Masons at the annual session of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in Chicago on August 30. The Illustrious Brothers will be welcomed at a testimonial dinner at the Gallery Restaurant, Glastonbury, on Saturday, October 15. The nominees for next year's class are Rev. Craig McClellan, Robert Simon, Ernest Dubois, William Breed, Richard Frazier, and Carl Anderson.

Rainbow Rocks!



When the Connecticut Majority Association of the Grand Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls held their annual 'Rainbow at the Rock Cats' fundraiser, sales of nearly 250 tickets raised close to \$1000 for the CMA scholarship program. Here, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor Samantha Stoddard, center, and Grand Chaplain Ali Stamm, right, pose with one of the Rock Cats many mascots.

Called to the Celestial Lodge

We offer our condolences to the families and friends of these brothers who have been called by the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Donald G. Beckwith.....	Annawon 115	James R. McKay	Manchester 73
William Drab.....	Coastal 57	Richard W. Spiller.....	Manchester 73
Benjamin F. Rathbun.....	Coastal 57	Albert J. Maruca.....	Old Well 108
Gordon E. Carter.....	Composite 28	Kenneth G. Matthews.....	Seneca 55
Roger W. Gardner.....	Composite 28	Simon H. Goldstein.....	Sequin-Level 140
Ernest H. Hertenstein.....	Composite 28	George Goodman.....	Sequin-Level 140
Leonard Granoff.....	Cosmopolitan 125	Israel Levine.....	Sequin-Level 140
Harry Mansfield.....	Cosmopolitan 125	Joseph B. London.....	Sequin-Level 140
Neal E. Bayard.....	Estuary 43	Seymour Rothstein.....	Sequin-Level 140
Robert C. Carter.....	Estuary 43	George H. Bole.....	Solar 131
Paul W. Walker.....	Estuary 43	Winston S. Dean.....	Somerset-St. James 34
Edwin Somogyi.....	Fidelity-St. John's 3	William F. Fields.....	St. John's 6
George A. White.....	Fidelity-St. John's 3	Claude A. Brewster.....	St. Paul's 11
John T. Beckett.....	Frederick Franklin 14	Charles E. Stevens.....	St. Paul's 11
Mack T. Boyd Jr.....	Frederick Franklin 14	Frederick A. Biermann.....	Trumbull 22
Charles B. Palmer Jr.....	Frederick Franklin 14	L. Sheldon Katz.....	Trumbull 22
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Richard D. Robertson.....	Ivanhoe 107	Adolph A. Tetzlaff.....	Warren 51
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Walter H. Joyner.....	Manchester 73	Victor F. Raupach.....	Washington 70
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When is a "Living Past Master" Not A ... Living ... Past ... Mas... ???

by Carl G. Ek

It's not really a trick question, and in the vast scheme of things, it's not even a burning question, but it has bothered me for decades that some lodges fail to understand the connotation of the term 'living Past Master.'

The definitions shouldn't be controversial. "Living" means continuing to breathe. "Past Master" is a brother who, having met all of the qualifications, has been elected and installed into the Oriental Chair as the leader of his lodge, and who fulfills his term without being removed for cause by the Grand Lodge.

Why do I bring this up?

Many lodges publish in their trestleboards, installation

programs, and websites lists of "Living Past Masters."

Sometimes, these lists include only the living Past Masters who remain as members of that lodge. Omitted are those who for any reason are no longer on the roster.

Past Masters who have dimitted from that lodge or those dropped for non-payment of dues are no longer given recognition for of



their work as Master.

That seems to me an unnecessary slight to a brother whose work on behalf of that lodge at some point in his career was skillful enough to bring about his election as Master.

Brothers dimitt for many reasons - relocation, job change, economics. Brothers are dropped annually - some

because of financial issues, others out of dissatisfaction, others out of sheer forgetfulness. Neither circumstance erases their former service as Master; neither circumstance warrants that service being erased from the memories of the brothers of today who read their trestleboard to learn more of their lodge's history.

So the next time your lodge is planning to publish the list of its "Living Past Masters," it might be appropriate to check back among the archives of the lodge to be sure that the list includes every Worshipful Brother who has earned that title - wheresoever dispersed!

Castle to Castle Road Rally

by Gary S. Adams

While the weather forecast for the weekend was bleak and wet, Saturday, August 20, turned out to be a day of sunshine and smiles. After a foggy start the sun broke thru the haze and blossomed in to blue skies and light breezes.

At 8:30 a.m., the Masonicare Auditorium welcomed two certified Service Dogs and two dogs in training with their owners and puppy raisers. Soon, participants started arriving to check in and receive their route sheets and red ribbons that denoted their participation. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Janet Berry, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Craig R. MacIntyre, welcomed all. Instructions regarding the option of avoiding the ferry crossing were given. It is rumoured that a "Ferry Godmother" made an appearance on one of the ferry crossings.

Ages ranged from seven to seventy and everywhere in between, and three travelers from the Syracuse, New York area join in for a day of Connecticut traveling. Cars of all shapes and sizes had multiple people aboard. Motorcycles ranged from Harleys

to Hondas, with a BMW and a Ducati also making the trip. Gordon Burritt had his Honda Gold Wing Trike and trailer which carried first aid supplies for both people and motorcycles. He came to the aid of one bike that lost a signal light attachment before the ride got started.

Throughout the day announcements were made by the reception desk to the residents of the Masonicare facility that the dogs and handlers were available for "meet and greet" in the auditorium and a number of residents came and met with both.

Additional help will be needed in the future regarding "navigation skills," as there were numerous reports of missed turns and U-turns, but everyone seemed to

take the detours in stride and enjoyed a wonderful day. Two of the best known castles, Castle Craig in Meriden, and Gillette Castle in East Haddam, were the destinations on the ride. Castles are a favorite of

WGP Brother Craig.

At the end of the ride food and soda tamed the hungry crowd.

Then came the announcement of the winners of the scavenger hunt. Thankfully no poison ivy was brought back disguised as sassafras leaves. Several poems that were written by riders along the way were read and recapped some of the escapades. Those earned extra points on the scavenger

portion.

Special thanks to WGM Sister Janet Berry and WGP Brother Craig MacIntyre for suggesting this event. It wouldn't have been possible without all the hours and miles by the committee to plan the route and acquire the prizes awarded. Debbie and Peter Boychuck, Carl and Donna Larson, Gordon Burritt, MaryLou Johnson, Johnny and Bonnie Miller, and JoAnne Plunske with Theo, made the whole day a great success.



The Castle to Castle Road Rally benefitted "Canine Companions for Independence." Sitting in front of the table is Joanne Plunske, Past Matron of Pomperaug Chapter No. 88, Woodbury, with her service dog Theo on right.

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2011 Brandt Nursing Scholarship Recipients Honored

by Adam Raider

A celebratory luncheon honoring the 2011 recipients of the Norma J. Brandt Scholarship was held August 26 at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford.

"Nursing is a significant calling in life and not one to be taken lightly," Masonicare President and CEO Bro. Stephen B. McPherson told the audience of honorees, their families, board members, and assorted guests. "I know the recipients of the Brandt Scholarship don't take that calling lightly. You are changing the lives of others, and it's not always people you see. Sometimes it's

the families of the patients you serve."

The Norma J. Brandt Scholarship Fund was made possible by a generous gift to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut from WB John O. Brandt, Jr. of Pomfret Center, in loving memory of his wife, Norma. Norma was a registered nurse and an active member of both the Order of the Eastern Star (where she was Past Worthy Matron of Betty Putnam Chapter No. 106) and the Order of the Amaranth (Past Royal Matron of Rainbow Court No. 20). Her legacy of caring for others

endures through this scholarship fund created to provide financial assistance to qualified individuals who are pursuing a career as a nurse.

The Brandt Scholarship program is helping more and more nursing students every year, from one recipient in 2006 to 13 in 2011.

Bro. Brandt expressed his gratitude to the scholarship selection committee for identifying the most qualified candidates from the pool of applicants. The committee is comprised of medical staff from across the Masonicare continuum and chaired by Melinda Schoen, vice president for nursing and hospital administrator at Masonicare Health Center.

"As a nurse myself," Schoen said, "it's such a wonderful opportunity for me to be able to help future nurses join our profession. Each year, the selection committee looks forward to reading the essays and recommendations that are submitted as part of the scholarship application process. They're so compassionate and heartfelt and renew our spirit by reminding us of why we became nurses."

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must either be a Masonicare employee, the child or grandchild of a Masonicare employee, or have some affiliation with a Masonic organization,

either as a member or as a child or grandchild of a member. As well, employees must be eligible for benefits and employed by Masonicare for a minimum of one year. All applicants must display a passion for the nursing profession.

This year's new scholarship recipients include Elizabeth Danby (Masonicare Health Center), Yalitza Garcia (Masonicare Health Center), Suzette Knickerbocker (Masonicare Health Center), Stephen Murphy (grandson of the late Bro. Richard G. Murphy, Past Master, Warren Lodge No. 51, Portland), Alyssa Nadolny (Masonicare Health Center), Kelsey Reutenauer (member of The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls), Nikki Stone (daughter of Phyllis Stone, RN at Masonicare Health Center), and Vania Violante (Masonicare at Newtown).

Continuing scholarships were awarded to Megan Ciarlelli (granddaughter of the late Joanne Shaw, Grand Lodge of Connecticut employee), Morgan Dudley (Masonicare at Ashlar Village), Carolann Mora (Masonicare at Newtown), Jacqueline Murillo (Masonicare at Newtown), and Kirsten Murphy (granddaughter of the late RW Richard G. Murphy, Past Master of Warren Lodge No. 51, Portland). Kirsten is the sister of first-time Brandt Scholarship recipient Stephen Murphy.



The 2011 Brandt Scholarship recipients are, from left, Alyssa Nadolny, Suzette Knickerbocker, Elizabeth Danby, Megan Ciarlelli, Yalitza Garcia, Kirsten Murphy, Stephen Murphy, and Carolann Mora. Not pictured: Morgan Dudley, Jacqueline Murillo, Kelsey Reutenauer, Nikki Stone, and Vania Violante.

October 21: Commanderies Sponsor "Meet the Knights Templar" in New Haven

by Carl G. Ek

New Haven Commandery No. 2 and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut are inviting DeMolays, prospective DeMolays, and their families to learn more about the crusading Knights Templar and their last Grand Master, Jacques DeMolay.

The event will take place on Friday, October 21 at 285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, beginning with a pizza dinner at 6:15 p.m., according to Eminent Commander

Bradley K. Cooney and Right Eminent Grand Commander Leonard H. Bucher. Additionally, Most Puissant Grand Master Bruce R. Bellmore of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and Most Excellent Grand High Priest Danny A. Camp will be present to lend support and show York Rite solidarity.

The program for the evening will be under the direction of Sir Knights Martin Ede and the Rev. Dr. Craig McClellan.

Topics will include the ancient and

modern Knights Templar, the martyred namesake of the Order of DeMolay, and Templar historic site Rosslyn Chapel. Rev. Dr. McClellan – a Senior DeMolay from Ohio – will narrate a slide presentation about Rosslyn Chapel based on his visit there some years ago.

Anyone attending the dinner portion of the presentation is urged to RSVP to Past Commander Ray Tomlinson no later than October 14 at either 203-397-2570 or tomlinson27@comcast.net.

Connecticut York Rite Opportunities

Information to be included in York Rite Opportunities must be submitted by the 10th of the preceding month to the Grand Secretary/Recorder, Charles B. Fowler, 525 Stillwater, Windsor, CT 06095-3842 or yrctramrsm@yahoo.com.

NOTE: All dates and visitations are subject to change without notice.



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- October 4, (RE) (U)** Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, reception of REGC, 6:30 p.m. dinner
October 4, (MP) (F) Harmony Council No. 8, New Haven, Select Master and Super Excellent Master degree
October 4, (F) Keystone Chapter No. 27, Meriden, Most Excellent Master degree
October 5, (ME) (F) Hiram Chapter No. 1, Sandy Hook
October 5, (MP) (F) Menunketuck Council No. 36, Madison
October 6, (MP) (F) Columbia Council No. 9, Haddam
October 7, (F) Columbia Chapter No. 31, Collinsville, Mark Master degree
October 11, (MP) (F) Wolcott Council No. 1, East Hartford, Royal and Select Master degree, reception of MPMGM
October 11, (F) Franklin Chapter No. 2, New Haven, Mark Master Mason and Past Master degree
October 11, (F) Hamilton Council No. 22, Meriden, Select Master degree
October 13, (ME) (F) Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, Darien, Mark Master degree, inspection
October 13-15, (ME) (MP) (F) Grand York Rite of Massachusetts
October 18, (U) St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Meriden. Order of Temple, inspection, 6:15 p.m. dinner
October 20, (U) Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford. Knights at Table, 6:30 p.m. dinner
October 21, (MP) (RE) (U) New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven
October 22, (ME) (MP) Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Semi-Annual Communication
October 26, (ME) (F) Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford, 6:30 6:30 p.m. Table Chapter dinner
October 27, (ME) (U) Trinity Commandery No. 3, Darien, program: Five Practices of Growing Masonic Bodies
October 28, (MP) (F) Jerusalem Council No. 16, Stratford
October 28-29, (ME) (F) Grand York Rite of Maryland

Coming Up in November

- November 4, Columbia Chapter No. 31, Collinsville, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degree
November 8, Cyrene Commandery No. 8, Meriden, Order of Temple, inspection
November 8, Franklin Chapter No. 2, New Haven, Royal Arch Mason degree
November 9, Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, East Hartford, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degree
November 11, Palestine Commandery No. 6, Stonington, Order of Temple, inspection
November 15, Washington Commandery No. 1, East Hartford, Order of Malta, Inspection
November 17, Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Stratford, Order of Temple, inspection
November 18, New Haven Commandery No. 2, New Haven, Order of Temple
November 20, DeMolay Legion of Honor, North Haven, 6:00 p.m., recipient J. Andrew Birdsall

York Rite Websites

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut: <http://yorkrite.org/gcramct/>

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut: <http://yorkrite.org/gcrsmct/>

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut: <http://knightstemplar.org/gckct/ct>

They can be reached directly at these addresses, or through a link from the www.yorkrite.org site. Just select CT under the Grand Chapters/Councils/Commanderies logo. These sites contain useful information including officer listings, constituent Chapter/Council/Commandery listings, Opportunities, the More Light pamphlet and the York Rite petition. The 2011 proceedings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council are also available on the websites.

PHYSICAL EXAM...

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For example, if you're at or near age 50, you'll be encouraged to begin regular screenings for colorectal cancer. Women aged 40 will be urged to begin having annual mammograms to help prevent breast cancer. Healthy behaviors such as taking a brisk walk several times a week and eating a

balanced diet will be stressed to help reduce your risk of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and other illnesses. Of course, quitting smoking and reducing alcohol intake will be a must with all physicians.

Remember – what you tell your physician is always held in strictest confidence. If during your exam, your doctor asks questions about your lifestyle and your

eating and drinking habits, be sure to answer honestly, even though that can be sometimes be uncomfortable.

Doing whatever you can to stay as healthy as possible is ultimately your responsibility. As physicians, we can offer sound medical advice, along with strong support and encouragement, but it's up to you to do the rest.

Craft at Labor...

Entered Apprentice Degree

Tuesday, October 4, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Monday, October 10, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, Bro. Rob Ingvertsen in the East, evaluation

Monday, October 17, Federal No. 17, Watertown, Theodore Gallucci in the East

Monday, October 17, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Mark Stumacher in the East

Wednesday, October 19, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Monday, October 24, Jephtha No. 95, Clinton

Wednesday, October 26, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, evaluation

Thursday, October 27, Temple No. 65, Westport, 8:00 p.m. dinner, Frank Caolo in the East

Fellowcraft Degree

Saturday, October 1, Morning Star No. 47, Seymour, 7:00 p.m. dinner

Monday, October 3, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Jeff Bartlett in the East

Monday, October 3, Oxoboxo No. 116, Montville, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Thursday, October 6, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Friday, October 7, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Past Masters' and "Over 70" night

Saturday, October 8, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock

Tuesday, October 11, Acacia No. 85, Greenwich, 8:00 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, October 12, Granite No. 119, Haddam, 6:30 p.m. dinner, evaluation

Monday, October 17, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, 6:15 p.m. dinner, Olde St. John's 4 ritual of the Fellow Craft degree

Monday, October 17, Friendship No. 33, Southington, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Senior Warden in the East

Monday, October 17, Meridian No. 77, Meriden, 6:30 p.m.

dinner, Bro. Nick Ives in the East
Tuesday, October 18, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Darren "De-Luxe" Loux in the East

Wednesday, October 19, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Marty Schertzer in the East

Wednesday, October 19, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Wednesday, October 19, Somerset-St. James No. 34, Preston

Thursday, October 20, Harmony No. 42, Waterbury, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Thursday, October 20, Warren No. 51, Portland, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Tom Keser in the East

Thursday, October 20, Wolcott No. 60, Stafford, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Thursday, October 20, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Thursday, October 20, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Senior Warden in the East

Monday, October 24, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Dave Shaw in the East

Monday, October 24, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, Bud Buckner in the East

Tuesday, October 25, King Hiram No. 12, Shelton

Wednesday, October 26, Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 p.m. dinner, Mike Fusco in the East

Thursday, October 27, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Master Mason Degree

Monday, October 3, St. John's No. 2, Middletown, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Tuesday, October 4, Harmony No. 67, New Canaan, 7:00 p.m. dinner

Thursday, October 6, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Saturday, October 15, Ashlar-Aspetuck No. 142, Easton, 5th Annual Farm Degree

Tuesday, October 18, Coastal No. 57, Stonington, 6:00 p.m. dinner

Friday, October 21, Wooster No. 10, Colchester, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Friday, October 21, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 6:30 p.m. dinner at the break

Saturday, October 22, Village No. 29, Collinsville, 2:00 p.m., dinner to follow the degree

Tuesday, October 25, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Tuesday, October 25, Manchester No. 73, Manchester

Wednesday, October 26, Ark No. 39, Danbury, 7:30 p.m. dinner

Friday, October 28, Ansantawae No. 89, Milford, 6:30 p.m., Connecticut Police degree team, dinner at the break

Save the Date

Saturday, October 1, Seminar for incoming Masters. All Master Masons welcome.

Saturday, October 29, Seminar for Secretaries, Treasurers. All Master Masons welcome.

Saturday, November 5, Seminar for incoming Wardens. All Master Masons welcome.

All Seminars: 8:00 a.m. registration, Knapp Auditorium of the Hartog Activities Center, Masonicare at Ashlar Village, Wallingford



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Craft at Refreshment...

Saturday, October 1, Columbia No. 25, South Glastonbury, 6:00 p.m., 6th annual wine tasting

Saturday, October 1, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 1, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 4:00 p.m., southern barbeque dinner

Saturday, October 1, Warren No. 51, Portland, 5:00 p.m. Fellowcraft riverfront barbeque

Saturday, October 1, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, UConn/Western Michigan football

Sunday, October 2, Union No. 5, Stamford, 4:00 p.m., 31st Annual Faber Birren National Color award show opening reception

Sunday, October 2, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest parade

Sunday, October 2, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Fest

Sunday, October 2, Harmony No. 42, Waterbury, dyslexia walk

Monday, October 3, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, gentlemen's night redux

Tuesday, October 4, King Hiram No. 12, Shelton, 6:30 p.m. Table Lodge

Wednesday, October 5, Union No. 5, Stamford, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night

Wednesday, October 5, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, video: "Griff's Chicken Challenge"

Thursday, October 6, Somerset - St. James No. 34, Preston, 9:00 a.m. 8th District Breakfast at Groton Townhouse Restaurant

Thursday, October 6, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 6:15 p.m. dinner, RW Roger Cerbie: The Hat Lecture

Friday, October 7, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 8, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 8, Wolcott No. 60, Stafford, 8:30 a.m. breakfast, annual Wolcott leaf peeping tour

Sunday, October 9, Hiram No. 18, Sandy Hook, Newtown Labor Day parade

Sunday, October 9, Friendship No. 33, Southington, Apple Harvest Fest

Sunday, October 9, Annawon No. 115, West Haven, Columbus Day parade

Tuesday, October 11, Shepherd - Salem No. 78, Naugatuck, 6:30 p.m. barbeque, clean the lodge

Wednesday, October 12, Center No. 97, Meriden, 6:00 p.m. Ladies at Table

Wednesday, October 12, Sequin-Level No. 140, Newington, 12:00 noon, blood drive

Thursday, October 13, Hiram No. 1, New

Haven, 6:30 p.m. ladies night

Thursday, October 13, Temple No. 65, Westport, Edward Brookshire: Indian Masonry

Friday, October 14, Frederick-Franklin No. 14, Plainville, 5:00 p.m. 3rd annual pasta supper

Saturday, October 15, Moriah No. 15, Brooklyn, 6:00 p.m. Down East Maine lobster or steak Table Lodge

Saturday, October 15, Washington No. 19, Monroe, 9:00 a.m., Scouting for food

Saturday, October 15, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 5:30 p.m., Ladies at Table

Saturday, October 15, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, 7:00 a.m., bus trip to Salem

Saturday, October 15, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 12:00 noon, UConn/South Florida football

Saturday, October 15, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 8:00 a.m., tractor pull

Sunday, October 16, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 7:00 AM, semi-annual pancake breakfast

Monday, October 17, St. John's No. 2, Middletown, 8:30 p.m. dinner, awards night

Monday, October 17, Evening Star No. 101, Unionville, 6:30 p.m., Past Master's Association, Matthew's Restaurant

Tuesday, October 18, St. Alban's No. 38, Branford, 6:30 p.m., Table Lodge

Tuesday, October 18, Manchester No. 73, Manchester, work night at the Temple

Tuesday, October 18, Unity No. 148, New Britain, 6:30 p.m. dinner, ladies night

Thursday, October 20, Trumbull No. 22, New Haven, 6:15 p.m. dinner, awards night

Friday, October 21, Philosophic Lodge of Research No. 400, Cromwell, 6:30 p.m. dinner, WB Don Tansey: Alchemy and the Third Degree

Saturday, October 22, Wyllys-St. John's No. 4, West Hartford, 6:00 p.m., Ladies at Table

Saturday, October 22, Union No. 5, Stamford, 7:00 p.m., The Mason's Secret Ball

Saturday, October 22, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, 7:00 p.m. dinner, Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 22, Day Spring No. 30, Hamden, 5:00 p.m. dinner, Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 22, Corinthian No. 103, North Haven, 6:00 p.m. dinner, Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 22, Corner Stone-Quinebaug No. 122, Thompson, 5:00 p.m., annual steak dinner

Sunday, October 23, Estuary No. 43, Old Saybrook, 4:00 p.m. dinner,

ladies night

Monday, October 24, Corinthian No. 104, Fairfield, 7:30 p.m. dinner, Blue Lodge Council

Monday, October 24, Anchor No. 112, East Hampton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, awards night

Tuesday, October 25, King Solomon's No. 7, Woodbury, 6:30 p.m., Fellowcraft dinner

Tuesday, October 25, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, esoteric Freemason classes

Thursday, October 27, Friendship Tuscan No. 145, Manchester, 6:00 p.m., annual Halloween party

Friday, October 28, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:30 p.m., Haunted House

Saturday, October 29, America-St. John's No. 8, Stratford, 9:00 a.m. breakfast, blood drive

Saturday, October 29, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 6:30 p.m., Haunted House

Saturday, October 29, Putnam No. 46, South Woodstock, 6:00 p.m., 14th Annual Table Lodge

Saturday, October 29, Jerusalem No. 49, Ridgefield, 10:00 AM, Halloween walk

Saturday, October 29, Wolcott No. 60, Stafford, 5:00 p.m. dinner, annual Yankee pot roast dinner

Sunday, October 30, Temple No. 16, Cheshire, 5:30 p.m., Haunted House

Monday, October 31, Washington No. 70, Windsor, 5:00 p.m., Nightmare on Broad Street

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The formal opening will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please note it is anticipated that the session should close at approximately 12:00 noon. Luncheon will not be available.

This Regular Communication is called for the purpose of electing Grand Lodge Officers for the year 2012. In addition we will receive certain committee reports, act on any legislation changes which may be in order for consideration and other issues as directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother James T. McWain. Section 8203 of our Masonic Law does permit action on changes to the Rules and Regulations which are raised from the floor or presented in Committee Reports at the meeting without prior notice to the craft.

Registration of delegates will begin at 8:00 A.M. All Brothers attending must present a 2011 dues card. All voting delegates must register at the registration table. Registration will be by Lodge number as designated by posted signs in the area.

Should a principal officer of a Lodge not be able to attend in person, or if they wish to proxy their vote on behalf of their lodge so they can vote on their own behalf, if eligible, a proxy form was included with the notice mailed to them. If the proxy form is not properly filled out, it will not be accepted at the session. Each officer or his proxy should bring the appropriate Apron and Jewel of his respective office. Sections 2300 and 2301 of our Rules and Regulations state that a Roll of Lodges is to be called during a Regular Communication. Please note the related consequences for those Lodges not having proper representation at this Communication. Section 2301 of the Rules specify both financial and neglect of duty consequences. Coffee and pastry will be available starting at 8:00 A.M.

With my fraternal best wishes,

Robert G. Fitzgerald
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
September 16, 2011
Wallingford, Connecticut

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